

REMARKS

This is responsive to the rejection in the Final Office Action mailed April 18, 2006 in which claims 1-23, 25-27, and 29-39 were rejected. Claims 1-39 are canceled without prejudice, and new claims 40-61 have been added. Thus, claims 40-61 are pending in this application. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration is requested based on the amendments and remarks presented herein.

Summary of the Interview of July 28, 2006.

The following interview summary is provided in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 713.04.

- A) Application Serial Number: 09/750,500
- B) Applicant: Marc Epstein et al.
- C) Examiner: Hussein A. El Chanti.
- D) Date: July 28, 2006.
- E) Interview conducted by Telephone.
- F) Complete list of participants:
 - a) Examiner El Chanti;
 - b) Les Garmaise, attorney for applicant.
- G) No exhibits shown or demonstrations conducted.
- H) Claim 39 was discussed.
- I) Prior art discussed: Sampson et al. (U.S. Patent 6,339,423).
- J) Partial agreement was reached. The Examiner and the attorney agreed that the claims would be amended to more clearly recite conducting method steps related to data accessing by servers and client computers.

It was agreed that the applicant would amend the claims to provide greater clarity and that the Examiner would evaluate the amended claims in light of the art.

Changes to the Claims:

New claims 40-61 are supported by the application as originally filed. See Patent Application Publication US 2002/0087670. No new matter has been added.

New Claims 40-61 are patentable over the Prior Art:

Claims 1-23, 25-27, and 29-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Sampson et al. (U.S. Patent 6,339,423, hereafter Sampson). Claims 1-23, 25-27, and 29-39 have been canceled without prejudice. New claims 40-61 have been entered. No new matter has been added.

The following remarks address the rejection in the Office Action of April 18, 2006 and the Examiner comments arising from the Interview with the Examiner held on July 28, 2006, which interview is summarized above. In brief, the newly added claims are responsive to the Examiner's suggestion to modify the claim language for the sake of clarity. Claims 1-23, 25-27, and 29-39 have been canceled, and new claims 40-61 have been added to facilitate the implementation the Examiner's recommendations for changing the claim language. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully solicit entry of new claims 40-61.

Claim 40 recites the limitation "securely accessing resources in said one or more client computer networks by a second set of one or more servers". Claim 51 recites a similar limitation. Neither Sampson nor any other prior art cited in this application discloses the quoted limitation.

Assuming for the sake of discussion that the user of Sampson corresponds to the "client" of Applicants' claims, Sampson is directed to providing access to plural domains to a user. This is accomplished by consolidating the process for authorizing a user to access plural domains so as to not require the user to log in separately to two or more separate domains. See col. 5, lines 6-16. However, Sampson does not disclose allowing the servers 240, 260, and 280 (See Fig. 2) to securely access resources in a user computer. Such access is unrelated to the problem that Sampson seeks to solve – that of simplifying the process of granting access by the user to plural servers or domains.

Accordingly, Sampson does not disclose the limitations of claims 40 and 51. Claims 41-50 depend from claim 40, claims 52-61 depend from claim 51, and the dependent claims all inherit the limitations of their respective independent claims. Moreover, the dependent claims recite further novel, nonobvious limitations not taught or suggested in the prior art. Accordingly, Sampson does not anticipate claims 40-61 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

Accordingly, claims 40-61 are patentable over the prior art.

Conclusion:

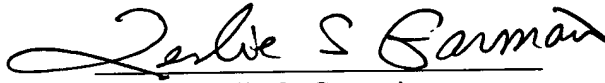
Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance in view of the above remarks and amendments. Payment for a two-month extension of time is enclosed herewith. The Examiner is authorized to deduct any additional fees believed due from our Deposit Account No. 11-0223.

Respectfully submitted,

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